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Staff meeting.

I had a talk with Jimmy Riddleberger, Doc Matthews and Harold Linder regarding the application by Eleanor Dulles to resume her employment with the State Department. I said that, although she had been here for many years and had only rather recently severed her connection with the Department, it seemed to me that because of the speculation about her brother becoming Secretary of State this was not a propitious moment to consider her reemployment.

A few minutes later news came through that Foster Dulles had been named by General Eisenhower as Secretary of State.

I talked to Allen Dulles on the telephone regarding his boy. Apparently he is still unconscious, but his condition is reported to be slightly improved. His hospital ship is now on its way to Japan.

Riddleberger, Matthews, and I went over [redacted] telegrams that Jimmy proposed to send to Germany and elsewhere about the ratification of the EDC treaty. It now appears that the recent setback to Adenauer's plans for approval by the German Bundestag may be remedied the early part of December.

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Jack Jernegan came to see me about various things in his area, and thereafter I had a PSB briefing.

I went to the White House and gave the President the most recent news on the UN Korean resolution. The British and Canadians have gotten the thing all messed up by encouraging Menon's fuzzy proposal. We hope it can be straightened out within the next few days.

We had our PSB lunch today at Bedell Smith's office. There was [redacted] little business. The only action re [illegible]

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suggestion that the PSB alternates should function as the PSB in case of a disaster affecting the present members. In other words, if we were bombed out, our alternates would take over if they had not succumbed to the same blow. Provision was also made for the evacuation of PSB files to a safe depository in the event of evacuation. All this seems at the present time very theoretical.

Humelsine came to see me about a book which Mr. Clubb, a former employee of the Department, proposes to publish. Although the Secretary supported him, as did Humelsine personally, in the investigation of his loyalty, he apparently condemns the Department [redacted] severely. I have asked to see the manuscript, and will read it over the week end.

Butch Fisher came to see me about the oil cartel case. It appears that the British companies, supported by the British Government, have flatly refused to turn over the documents requested for presentation to the grand jury. This has now been taken up officially with the British Embassy.

Bert Jolis called on me. He had just come from Allen Dulles's office where he [redacted] resubmitted his program for countering Communist agitation in black Africa, namely that part of Africa south of the Sahara desert. He had advanced this project last November, but feels [redacted] the need for it is more pressing now than it has been at any time. I agree with him on the gravity of the situation, and cleared it so far as the State Department was concerned with George Perkins, whose jurisdiction extends only over Algeria and the Union of South Africa as regards the African continent. I will take it up tomorrow with the Near Eastern Bureau.

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George McGhee came to see me. He is enjoying his duties in Turkey and considers the Turks the stoutest allies we have. I imagine that, with the change of administration, he will be replaced and returned to his oil activities, although he would like to stay on in Government.

Scotty Reston of the New York Times visited me, and was [redacted] interesting on the subject of the recent campaign.

Jack Bingham called to discuss a proposal for the allocation of $10,000,000 to Syria which the Near Eastern people think would be helpful in connection with the resettlement of Arab refugees.

We had a further meeting on the subject of Riddleberger's cables for spurring on the Germans and others to the ratification of EDC.

I stopped to see Allen Dulles tonight to tell him I thought it inadvisable that his sister should be employed here at this time. He agreed and will talk to her about it. I also told him [redacted] we were ready to commence at once any briefing which Foster wished on various Departmental and foreign policy problems.

E. went to New York this morning to attend the opening night of Jean Louis Barault and his wife, Madaleine Renaud, in a French play. I had some difficulty in obtaining visas for them to come over since they had at one time belonged ~~to certain so-called Communist front~~ organizations in France. They are the most talented acting team in France.

I dined with the Ned Russells and, to my great pleasure, found Vivian and Walter Kerr, as well as Averell Harriman, there. We sat up late.

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